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Adm. Raborn Named CIA Chief

Retirement Of McCone Announced

**Johnson Appoints
Richard Helms as
Deputy Director**

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JOHNSON, CITY, Tex.,
April 11—President John-

son announced today the
selection of Vice Admiral
William F. Raborn Jr. (Ret.)
as director of the Central
Intelligence Agency.

Raborn will succeed John A.
McCone, who is retiring.

The President also an-
nounced the selection of Rich-
ard Helms, now deputy direc-
tor for plans at CIA, as the
new deputy director. Helms
will succeed Army Lt. Gen.
Marshall S. Carter.

Developed Weapons

Raborn was the developer of
the Polaris weapons program
when Vice Admiral Hyman
G. Rickover was developing
the Polaris submarine.

Known as a brilliant sci-
entist and officer, Raborn has
been vice president and pro-
gram manager of Aerojet Gen-
eral Corp. since he retired
from the Navy in September,
1963.

A 59-year-old native of De-
catur, Tex., Raborn was ap-
pointed to the Naval Academy
from Oklahoma. He graduated
in the Annapolis class of 1928.

During World War II he
was a naval aviator and com-
mander in the Pacific, where
he was decorated for conspic-
uous gallantry while serving
on the USS Hancock.

After the war, as director
of the fleet ballistic missile
system, he played a leading
role in building the complex
Polaris missile system.

He was named Deputy Chief
of Naval Operations in March,
1962, and served until his re-
irement 18 months later.

OSS Veteran

Helms, 52, is a native of
St. Davids, Pa. He attended
schools in New Jersey, Switz-
erland and Germany before
entering Williams College.

After graduation from Wil-
iams, Helms worked for the
United Press for two years
before being named national
advertising manager of the
Indianapolis Times.

He served in the Navy dur-
ing World War II on assign-
ment to the Office of Strategic
Services, forerunner of the
CIA.

After the war he worked
briefly as a civilian in the War
Department's strategic ser-
vices unit before joining the
CIA in 1947. He has been in
charge of CIA's covert activi-
ties, succeeding Richard Bis-
sell after the Bay of Pigs
debacle.

McCone's Aim Known

McCone, a California in-
dustrialist and Republican,
succeeded Allen W. Dulles as
CIA director in November,
1961. It has been known for
some time that McCone want-
ed to retire.

McCone was director of the
Atomic Energy Commission
during the last years of the
Eisenhower Administration.



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ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN
... new head of CIA

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